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# Making A Difference



## **Volunteers—Priceless Treasures**

The 2007 Annual Indiana GAL/CASA State Conference is scheduled for Saturday, November 17, 2007 at the Indianapolis Sheraton Hotel. The theme of this year's conference is "Volunteers—Priceless Treasures." Be watching your mail over the next two weeks for complete registration information regarding the conference. There will be discounted rooms available at the Sheraton again this year. Additionally, we will be offering half-price fees for those attending the conference, as well as a limited number of

scholarships to the event.

Program directors should start thinking about who they will nominate to receive the annual "Volunteer of the Year Award." Each year, the Volunteer of the Year is honored at our noon luncheon at the conference. Others recognized at the conference include the recipient of the "Elaine S. Fuller Award of Excellence" for the Program Director of the Year, as well as the chosen Board Member of the Year. We would like to see more nomination forms than in recent years for the Board Member award, so for those programs who have boards, please begin to consider the hard work your board members have put in over the past year and complete the nomination form when you receive it. We also hope that program staff and/or board members will take the time to nominate some of our fabulous directors for the Program Director of the Year award. Please check your packets and our website at [www.in.gov/judiciary/galcasa](http://www.in.gov/judiciary/galcasa) for nomination forms sometime in the next two weeks. We will email programs to let them know when the information has been placed on our website.

We will also have free booth space available in the "GAL/CASA Store" area of the exhibit hall for those programs interested in selling GAL/CASA related products at the conference. Every year the attendees comment as to how much they enjoy shopping for these "treasures" at the conference, and also mention that they wish there were more booths for them to visit! Information on the GAL/CASA store reservations, as well as all general conference information will be included in your upcoming mailing. We look forward to celebrating the 11th annual GAL/CASA conference with our hundreds of dedicated Indiana GAL/CASA volunteers as well as the program staff and others who support them.

Informing your volunteers of the conference, as well as attendance by at least one program staff member is mandatory per the program standards.

## **—Annual Roundtable Discussions & —Annual Staff and Directors Meeting**

Last year, we tried something new at the request of a few directors, and it was a hit! On the day before the Annual Staff and Directors Meeting, we held a half-day roundtable discussion session for interested staff and directors. About 35 were in attendance for this useful session where we discussed five topics in roundtable fashion and shared our views and ideas on GAL/CASA related topics. This year, the session will be held on 11/15/07. More information will follow.

On 11/16/07, we will hold the 11th Annual Staff and Directors Meeting. Attendance at this meeting by the program director is mandatory per the program standards. Complete details will be mailed out in the next two weeks.

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